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New legislation. Since the Sandy Hook Elementary school shootings, lawmakers in three of the Northeast's largest cities have taken on gun laws — a debate that was reignited after last week's Navy Yard shootings. **Second Amendment.** Gun advocates say changes can be made without taking away people's rights.

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In the second part of a five-day series, Metro examines the epidemic of gun violence in New York City, Boston and Philadelphia. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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Today's tweet

"Dopest girls on MBTA are on the Orange and Red Line, Green Line girls have hairy legs and study art"

@RickyfromBoston doesn't want any prickly-legged missed connections.

Bad rider

'Uncooperative' man arrested for MBTA assault

A Boston man was arrested Sunday night for allegedly indecently assaulting a woman at Roxbury's Dudley Station bus terminal earlier this month.

Transit police said Kenneth Nelson, 28, "was uncooperative" and resisted arrest after patrolmen spotted him at the station around 8:50 p.m.

"After a brief struggle, the officers were able to gain control and Nelson was placed under arrest," police said in a statement.

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Trains

State closer to South Coast rail

Gov. Deval Patrick announced yesterday that the finalized environmental impact review from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had selected the route through Stoughton and Taunton, with branches to New Bedford and Fall River, to be the most environmentally friendly option for the $1.8 billion South Coast commuter train project.

SHNS

Mayor's race

Higher turnout predicted for Boston election

The state's chief election official is predicting a higher turnout than in recent years for today's preliminary election in the mayor's race.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin said yesterday that state election officials are prepared to help Boston and other cities holding preliminary elections this week.

The last mayoral preliminary election in Boston drew about 81,000 voters to the polls. This year, with 12 candidates running to replace Mayor Thomas Menino, Galvin predicted "a much higher voter turnout."METRO

Davis often responded to crime scenes, such as this police-involved shooting on Yarmouth Street in the South End, bottom right. / COURTNEY SACCO, METRO

After seven years as top cop, Davis resigns

Stepping down. Ed Davis will base his police commissioner departure timing on the Red Sox.

During his resignation announcement, police Commissioner Ed Davis said he had been thinking about leaving for months, but two things have kept him in place: the summer and the Red Sox success.

Davis, who for seven years led the Boston Police Department, announced on Monday that he will resign and has been offered a fellowship to teach at Harvard.

He said he made a commitment to Mayor Thomas Menino that he would stay on through the summer months when violence typically spikes.

Davis said that he would leave his post as Boston's top cop in the next 30 to 60 days, but it depends on the Red Sox playoff run and if he is needed to oversee the police response to it.

"I don't want to jinx anything, but if a certain sports team happens to get into the finals I'll probably stick around for that," said Davis, being careful not to name the Red Sox.

Explaining his resignation to reporters yesterday, Davis said that he was leaving on his own terms and that Menino's decision not to seek another term prompted Davis to "reassess" his future.

"I feel very positive about leaving at this time, on my time line, knowing that I will be leaving the department having done my very best and achieved much success with the BPD. The department is in much better shape now than when I came here," he said.

Menino will likely appoint an interim commissioner and will leave the appointment of a permanent department head for the next mayor.

Menino named Davis police commissioner in 2006. Before that he led the Lowell Police Department.

During his tenure in Boston, Davis has been known for his approach to community policing. He instituted Safe Street Teams to expand walking patrols by officers and he was often spotted at homicide and other crime scenes.

The city's murder rate also fell nearly every year since Davis took over.

And while his most recent accomplishment may be his highly praised and extremely public response to the Boston Marathon bombings and subsequent manhunt, Davis' tenure in Boston is not without controversy.

He addressed several questions about criticism from a minority officers group about diversity in the higher ranks of the department.

Davis said he was proud that 42 percent of his command staff were "persons of color and diverse."

Professor Davis

Davis mulling Harvard offer

Commissioner Ed Davis said he has several "interesting" offers that will take him a few months to sort out. The only offer he confirmed was for a fellowship at Harvard.

While he said he hasn't accepted Harvard's offer, Davis said he is leaning in the direction of Cambridge.

"I have always wanted to have a connection with Harvard University," Davis said.

Davis has been suggested as a candidate to replace Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, but he would not comment on if he would want that job or if it has been offered to him.

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Rowdy rivals

Mural in bar near TD Garden vandalized by rival hockey fans

Boston Police are searching for a group of rowdy Toronto hockey fans reportedly in town for a bachelor party who allegedly ripped a mural off the wall of The Greatest Bar on Friend Street, just around the corner from the TD Garden.

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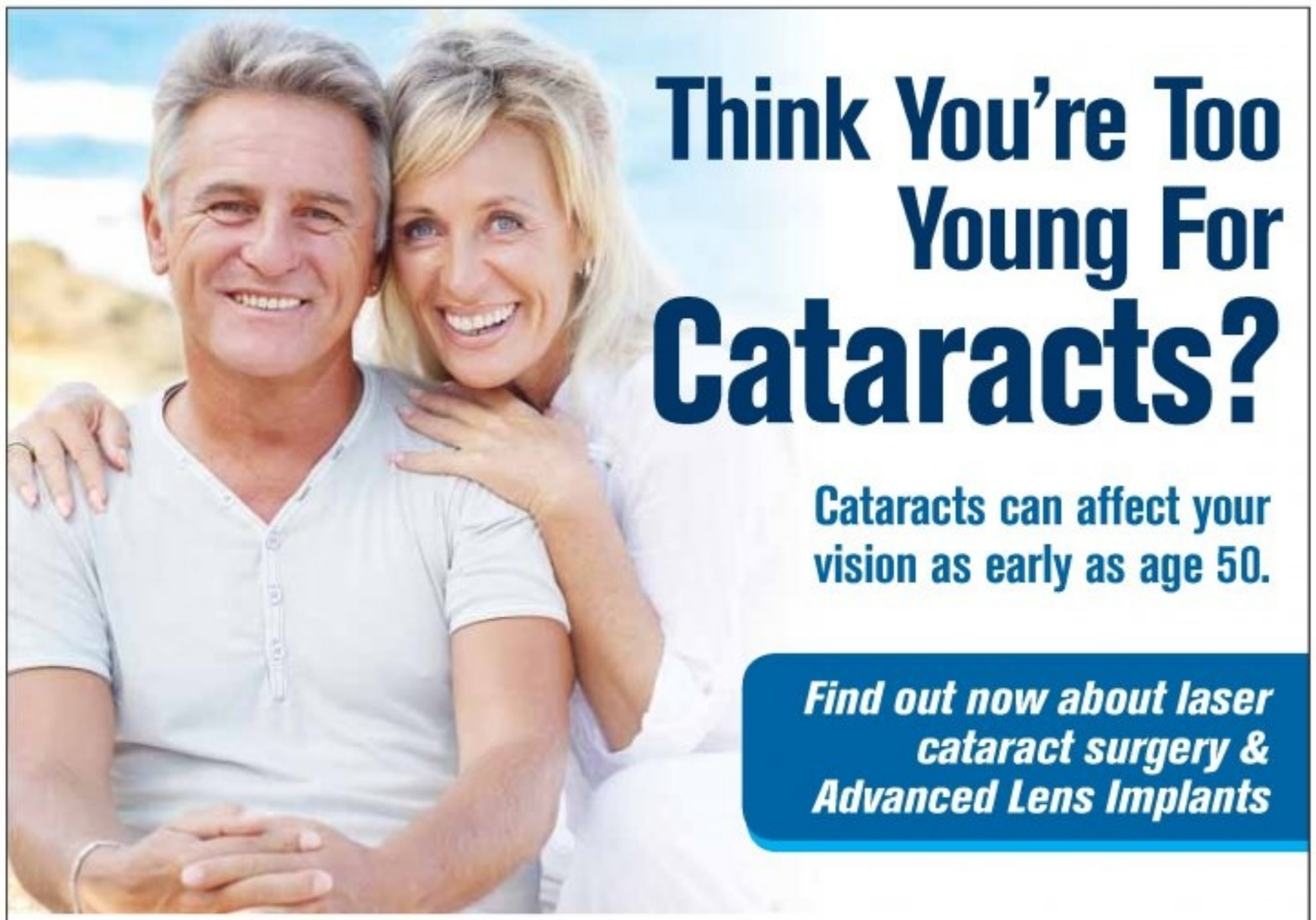
"One kid gives the mural the finger," Greatest Bar general manager Jimmy Ferola told the Boston Globe, while reviewing security camera footage. "Like that's gonna do anything."

The group of nine men, who came in on a party bus, yanked the mural off the wall and left the bar with it.

"Just uses two hands, and off the wall it comes. When they noticed they could peel it, they did it for a half hour," an employee told WHDH.

The crumpled-up mural was later found on the Bustonian, the party bus line the Canadians showed up in. The bus line has offered to help with finances to repair the damages. METRO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Yavuz was in Kenya working on her dissertation and had gone to Nairobi to prepare for the birth of her child. / JESSICA COHEN

Harvard grad killed in attack in Kenya mall

Humanitarian slain. Colleagues remember Elif Yavuz as an intelligent, warm and special person.

Faculty and students at Harvard University's School of Public Health are mourning the loss of a recent doctoral graduate who colleagues say brought life and laughter to the campus.

Elif Yavuz, 33, was one of at least 62 people murdered in this weekend's savage shooting rampage at Kenya's Nairobi's Westgate Shopping Mall. She was eight months pregnant.

"I think we all feel a deep loss. It makes us pause because many of us work in Africa, and this is the type of place that many of us would feel safe in. This part of Nairobi is in a bubble, and is generally considered pretty safe," said Jessica Cohen, an assistant professor of Global Health at Harvard.

Al Shabaab, a militant Somali Islamist group, launched the mall raid. Yavuz's partner, architect Ross Langdon, was also killed in the attack.

Yavuz graduated in May and completed her dissertation research on malaria in eastern Africa. She was currently working with the Applied Analytics Team at the Clinton Health Access Initiative and preparing her thesis for publication.

Cohen said Yavuz was living in the Tanzanian capital, Dodoma, but had traveled to Nairobi to deliver her baby at the end of October, Cohen said.

"I think she thought it would be a safer and more comfortable place to deliver," Cohen said. "We are all so heartbroken. She was a very special and full-of-life person."

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Quoted

"She was a very intelligent, very hilarious, warm and easy to talk to. She was well known and loved around here, and in the communities in east Africa, where she worked. She was unique and full of life."

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Death penalty for Marathon bombing suspect debated

Tsarnaev's fate. In three months, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev will know whether the state wants him to live or die if convicted.

Federal prosecutors are mulling whether accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should die for his alleged role in the deadly April terror attack and shooting death of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer.

Defense attorney Judy Clarke, a death-penalty specialist, told a federal judge in Boston yesterday that she was concerned prosecutors planned to decide whether to seek execution before the defense had finished reviewing the evidence.

"It's pretty stunning to say they can make a decision based on what they know without any defense input," Clarke said.

Tsarnaev / METRO FILE PHOTO

"They may have an erroneous story."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston will make a death penalty recommendation to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder by Oct. 31. Holder will make the final decision by Jan. 31.

Defense attorneys have yet to say whether they will ask that the trial be held outside of Boston to ensure Tsarnaev is given a fair trial.

Tsarnaev, who is being held at a federal prison in Devens, was not in court for yesterday's status hearing.

At his arraignment in July, he had a cast on his left arm and his face was swollen — the apparent results of injuries sustained in a gun battle with police.

Tsarnaev, 20, is accused of killing 29-year-old restaurant manager Krystle Campbell, 23-year-old graduate student Lingzi Lu and 8-year-old Martin Richard after planting two pressure cooker bombs at the 2013 Boston Marathon. Tsarnaev is also accused of murdering MIT police officer Sean Collier three days after the bombing.

He has pleaded not guilty to 30 federal charges, including using a weapon of mass destruction resulting in death and 16 other charges that carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Dzhokhar's older brother and alleged bombing mastermind, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died during a police shootout.

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Medical marijuana

Dispensary applicants clear hurdle

With a new medical marijuana law allowing the state to register up to 35 nonprofit registered dispensaries, state officials announced yesterday that 158 applicants have been cleared to move into the second phase of the process. Twenty-two applicants did not meet the criteria. SHNS

Indecent assault

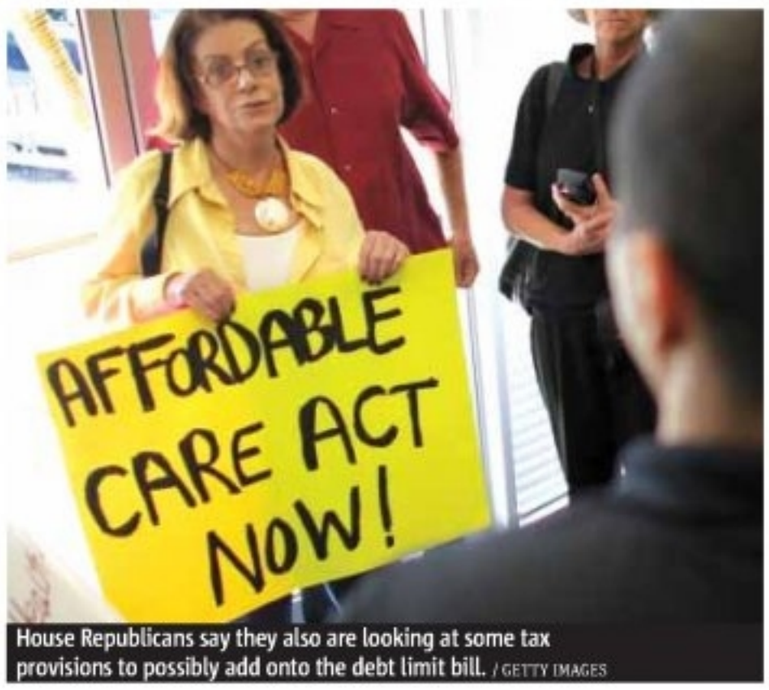
Man in court for child assault

Jose Avila, 39, an East Boston man, was ordered held on $30,000 bail after he allegedly inappropriately touched a young girl who was playing on a street in the neighborhood last month. METRO

Dollars for honest pols

Ben Cohen, Ben and Jerry's co-founder, shows off his Stampede machine outside of the Newbury Street Ben and Jerry's yesterday. The machine stamps the message "Not To Be Used For Bribing Politicians -- Amend the Constitution" onto dollars bills which are later circulated into the economy and read by hundreds in attempts to get the message out. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Poll on government shutdown spells trouble for Republicans



House Republicans say they also are looking at some tax provisions to possibly add onto the debt limit bill. / GETTY IMAGES

Clash. The GOP is divided over the anti-Obamacare tactic being pursued by the House.

As Republican lawmakers pushed ahead yesterday with a campaign to scuttle President Barack Obama's healthcare program, a survey suggested that they risk a public backlash should their efforts lead to a government shutdown or a default.

The CNBC poll reported that by a 59-19 percent margin, respondents opposed linking defunding of "Obamacare" to a possible shutdown starting on Oct. 1, or to a failure to raise the government's borrowing authority, meaning Washington may not be able to pay all of its bills by sometime in October or early November.

Eighteen percent were undecided, according to nationwide poll of 800 people conducted by Hart-McInturff. It had a margin of error of 3.4 percentage points.

On Friday, Republicans in the House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate a measure that would make continued funding of the government contingent on defunding Obamacare. The bill passed on a mostly partisan vote of 230-189.

They plan a similar strategy when they take up a measure to raise the debt ceiling, which if defeated could lead to a government default.

The Democratic-controlled Senate was scheduled take up the House spending bill late yesterday. Democrats expect to send it back to the House by Sunday with the Obamacare provision stripped out, according to a Senate Democratic aide. REUTERS

Battle

The timetable guarantees a down-to-the-wire battle through next weekend, with little time for the House to respond to the Senate action.

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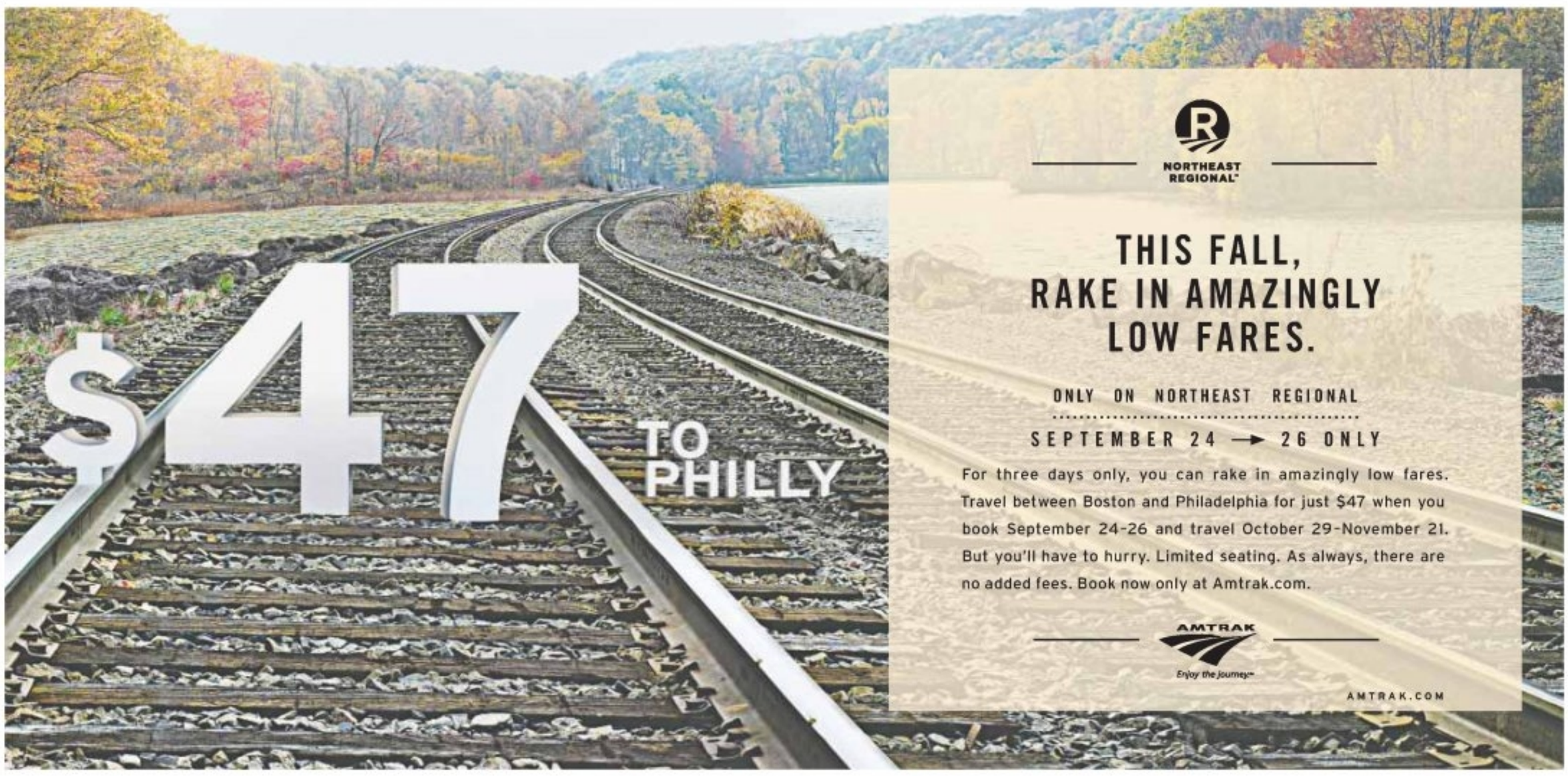
Ariel Castro

Son of kidnapper describes horror he felt at crimes

The son of Cleveland kidnapper Ariel Castro has described in detail for the first time the horror that overwhelmed him after his father's crimes were revealed to the world.

"I'm still shell-shocked from the way these past several months unfolded," Ariel Anthony Castro wrote in an essay published late on Saturday in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Instantly, my father became one of the most hated men alive," he wrote. REUTERS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More powerful

Microsoft revamps tablets to challenge Apple's iPad

Microsoft Corp. unveiled faster, more powerful versions of its Surface tablet computer yesterday in an effort to boost poor sales of its flagship hardware product and mount a stronger challenge to Apple Inc.'s iPad.

The Surface is key to Microsoft's plan to reinvent itself as a devices and services company, but the revamp comes less than a year after it brought out its own computers for the first time and failed to put a dent in the market. It has racked up only $853 million in sales while generating a $900 million charge for unsold inventory.

The Surface 2 starts at $449 for the 32 GB version, not including a snap-on keyboard starting at $120. REUTERS

Sales of new iPhones soar, Apple polishes forecast

Popular. Demand for the iPhone 5s has exceeded initial supply.

Two men display four new iPhone 5s outside the Apple store in Glendale, Calif. / GETTY IMAGES

Apple Inc. sold nine million new iPhones in an opening weekend for the product that included China for the first time, almost doubling sales from the last iPhone launch, and the company issued a more optimistic financial forecast.

Apple shares jumped more than 4.6 percent after the company said revenue in the fiscal fourth quarter would gravitate toward the high end of its previous forecast for $34 billion to $37 billion.

Apple, which began selling the top-tier iPhone 5s and cheaper, multi-hued iPhone 5c on Sept. 20, rarely adjusts its outlook in the middle of a quarter. Since CEO Tim Cook took the reins, the world's largest tech company has begun to court Wall Street more visibly.

"The critics have told you Apple lost its magic," said Daniel Ernst, an analyst with Hudson Square Research. "Customers are telling you something very different. Clearly, people like the product. That sentiment is almost more important than the number."

Sales of the new models were nearly double those of the iPhone 5's five million in the first weekend after its launch a year ago, and far surpassed the roughly six million that analysts had projected.

The record unit sales reinforced expectations of strong demand for Apple's latest gadgets. Critics had said the iPhone 5c was priced too high to take advantage of pent-up demand in emerging markets. REUTERS

May go private

Fairfax sets floor for BlackBerry with $4.7B offer

Struggling BlackBerry yesterday signed a tentative deal to be acquired by a consortium led by its biggest shareholder, setting a $4.7 billion floor in the auction of the Canadian company that invented on-the-go email.

The consortium is led by Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., a property and casualty insurer run by investor Prem Watsa. It has offered $9 a share in cash for BlackBerry, which last week said it expected to report a quarterly loss of nearly $1 billion.

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Gunfire, smoke erupt in Kenya mall standoff

Casualties. The Red Cross put the death toll at 62 and recorded 63 people as missing.

Kenyan policemen / GETTY IMAGES

Thick smoke poured from the besieged Nairobi mall where Kenyan officials said their forces were closing in on Islamists holding hostages yesterday, the third day since Somalia's al Shabaab launched a raid that has killed at least 62 people.

It remained unclear how many gunmen and hostages were still cornered in the Westgate shopping center, after a series of loud explosions and gunfire were followed by black smoke billowing from one part of the complex.

Following a pattern of the past three days, bursts of gunfire and activity have been followed by long lulls.

Quoted

"While the group has grown considerably weaker in terms of being able to wage a conventional war, it is now ever more capable of carrying out asymmetric warfare."

Abdi Aynte,
Director of Mogadishu's Heritage Institute of Policy Studies

Kenyan Interior Minister Joseph Ole Lenku told a news conference that militants had set fire to mattresses in a supermarket on the mall's lower floors. His ministry later said the blaze was under control.

Ole Lenku said two attackers were killed yesterday, taking the total of dead militants so far to three, and added that none of the raiders were female, although some had dressed as women. However, a security source and two soldiers said one white woman attacker had been killed.

President Uhuru Kenyatta dismissed on Sunday a demand that he pull Kenyan forces out of neighboring Somalia.

Kenyatta, who lost one of his own nephews in Saturday's bloodbath, said he would not relent in a "war on terror" in Somalia, where Kenyan troops have pushed al Shabaab onto the defensive over the past two years as part of an African Union-backed peacekeeping mission across the northern border. REUTERS

Smoke rises from the Westgate mall in Nairobi yesterday / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. citizens

White House troubled by Al Shabaab recruitment

U.S. officials are closely watching efforts by Somalia's Al Shabaab group to recruit in the United States, but have no direct information that Americans were involved in the attack on a Nairobi shopping mall, a U.S. officials said yesterday.

"All we've seen are the same reports coming out of Al Shabaab. ... But we have to run those to ground," White House deputy national security advisor Ben Rhodes told reporters, when asked whether any Americans took part in the assault.

Quoted

"So this is an issue that has been tracked very closely by the U.S. government, and it's one that we'll be looking into in the days ahead." Rhodes

Multinational group

Kenya says mall gunmen came from several nations

Gunmen involved in an attack on a Nairobi shopping mall came from several countries, a senior Kenyan security official said yesterday, without revealing what those nations were.

"We have an idea who they are, their nationality and even the number," said Julius Karangi, Kenya's chief of general staff, adding that militants were "clearly a multinational collection from all over the world."

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"We have also have an idea that this is not a local event. We are fighting global terrorism here, and we have sufficient intel to suggest that." Karangi

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Boston legislators, residents combat city's gun epidemic

Making changes.
From new laws to ad campaigns in troubled neighborhoods, Boston is finding new ways to fight an old problem.

As gun violence continues to tear families apart throughout the Boston area, residents and politicians are uniting to fight the epidemic that has seen a drastic upsurge in the last year.

According to statistics provided by the Boston Police Department, between Jan. 1 and Aug. 26, there were 25 homicides with firearms in the city of Boston, along with 160 non-fatal shootings. These numbers demonstrate an increase from 2012's statistics during the same time period, which showed 21 homicides with a firearm alongside 164 non-fatal shootings.

In recent weeks, the city has frequently convened to address the issue. At a Sept. 13 legislative hearing, Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley spoke of targeting violence from the angle of those who sell firearms, rather than focusing on just those who carry them illegally. In "An Act to Combat Gun Violence," Conley proposed 26 different changes to state law, including a 2.5-year minimum sentence for unlawfully selling a firearm and forbidding felons from employment with licensed firearms dealers.

"We in Massachusetts have to redouble our own efforts and do the work that Washington refused to do," said Conley.

Those efforts include several campaigns, like No More Names: National Drive to Reduce Gun Violence, a 25-state national bus tour sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, co-founded by Mayor Thomas Menino. Urging leaders to support stronger background checks for gun buyers, the tour landed in Faneuil Hall in late August and featured speeches by Menino and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. Also present were those whose lives have been tragically affected by gun violence.

Pastor Kim Odom, who lost her 13-year-old son Steven to gun violence in 2007, expressed her mission to the crowd: "Where did the gun come from that took my child's life? Where are the guns coming from that are taking the lives of our loved ones?"

Another campaign seeks to mobilize the struggling Mattapan community from the inside out. Just a little more than two weeks ago, the city unveiled a grant-funded campaign in Mattapan that features 12 residents affected by gun violence.

The Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence formed in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings in December 2012.

An umbrella group of more than 30 anti-gun organizations, the group has had a strong presence at recent rallies and legislative meetings.

The coalition advocates background checks for gun purchases at all levels, including private sales.

And while they may not know now to specifically attack the problem, leaders in the city's government are at the point where they recognize the problem must be addressed.

"The opposite of violence isn't peace; it's opportunity," said City Councilor Mike Ross recently at an event in Dorchester. "I don't believe that any one of us has all the answers, but that all of us, together, do."

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Elizabeth Warren addresses a group at a 25-state national bus tour sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Searching for meaning

"I have vowed that his life does not end on the sidewalk, and his death will not be in vain."

Pastor Kim Odom

Gun culture

Following the trail of our bloody streets

Boston, Philadelphia and New York City are three very different cities with a common problem. Gun violence has destroyed the lives of countless individuals and families on our streets and wrought devastation across vibrant neighborhoods, searing itself into their fabric.

Today continues the week-long series in which Metro examines the impact gun violence has had on those cities as well as our country in the aftermath of the recent massacres at the Washington Navy Yard, Sandy Hook Elementary and Aurora, Colo. We will look at what each city is doing to change the deadly culture that, on a daily basis, leaves its bloody imprint on our communities. **THE EDITORS**

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Gun advocates make case in tough state regulations

Big change. New York gun owners feel threatened after the passage of strict laws.

A group of female gun owners in New York show their feelings at a pro-gun rally in Albany that took place in February 2013. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Two Colorado lawmakers were recalled from their state Senate in early September for supporting stricter gun control legislation in the Rocky Mountain state. The lawmakers who replaced them are already talking about overturning the new gun laws.

Don't expect the same thing to happen in New York. State lawmakers overwhelmingly passed some of the toughest gun laws in the country in January of this year and the chance of repealing it looks slim to none.

Tom King, president of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, said the group's effort to stop the Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act from going into full effect has been "difficult." The group has spent $300,000 on a lawsuit that is still slowly winding its way through state district court. The suit seeks to stop the new laws.

"We're not running away from this fight, but it's tough and you only get one chance, so we have to make sure that our case is just right," King said.

The law, which goes into effect in stages, has left New York gun owners frightened, he said. And it's also driven some people to leave the state.

51st state?

"People don't understand guns down there. [New York City] should be its own state."
Protester Bill Greames, 55

"A lot of people are plain moving out because people are fed up with their freedom being tampered with," King said, speaking of gun owners he's known.

The new laws have led to several gun-rights protests in Albany, including one organized by the NYSRPA in February, where more than 5,000 outraged New Yorkers gathered in front of the state Capitol to protest the SAFE Act, which Gov. Andrew Cuomo billed as imposing "the toughest assault weapons ban in the country."

In addition to requiring universal background checks on gun buyers and strengthening the penalties against people who use illegal guns, the bill placed a seven-round bullet limit on all weapon magazines.

The SAFE Act, like any large piece of legislation, is burdened with its share of pluses and flaws, though none is as emblematic as the seven-round limit that was placed on gun magazines.

Once a centerpiece of the act, the restriction has since been suspended — a move that was underlined by Cuomo's admission that "there is no such thing as a seven-bullet magazine. That doesn't exist."

As it stands, New Yorkers are allowed to purchase 10-round magazines, but they are then being trusted with the act of not loading those magazines to full capacity.

Standing on the lawn outside the New York Legislature on Feb. 28, beneath banners emblazoned with the Bushmaster AR-15, it becomes clear that the new laws represent a personal attack for some gun owners.

"It's a tool," says Chris Grady, a paramedic from Ithaca, N.Y., and AR-15 enthusiast, "a cool-looking tool. It's like having a pair of plain working boots or having a badass pair of Army boots. The AR-15 is badass, is what it is. But the gun wouldn't be any good for committing a crime."

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Second wind

Universal background checks bill at a standstill in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania House Bill 1010 would close a loophole, mandating background checks for the purchase of long guns, not just handguns.

But Harrisburg has done nothing since the bill's introduction in March, said Shira Goodman of the gun control advocacy group CeaseFirePA.

"They are not moving any laws related to guns," Goodman said of the Legislature. The bill has stalled, even after testimony from the families of victims of Newtown and Pennsylvania State Police earlier this year.

Arguments from the National Rifle Association, gun store owners and other groups have said that long guns are rarely used to kill people.

"That's not a good argument to us," Goodman said.

Even though Goodman admits Pennsylvania is a difficult state for passing better gun control laws due to "a long tradition of being a strong NRA state," she said things have been shifting: HB 1010 is gaining bipartisan support.

If the bill is enacted when the House reconvenes for the year, Pennsylvania could become the seventh state to require universal background checks. Goodman said the city of Philadelphia is helping lead the fight.

"Something has to happen," she said.

"I don't know what it will take to wake up our legislators. Some of them get it. But their own colleague Gabby Giffords is getting shot. It has to be the force of the public showing that we're willing to make ourselves heard in their offices, on the phone and, eventually, at the polls."

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Why did Merrit Wever bolt at the Emmys?

Merrit Wever won Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Sunday night at the Emmys, and her acceptance speech was one for the books. "Thank you so much," she said. "Um, I gotta go." And then she went, as though the Emmy audience were a bad blind date and she was slipping out of Starbucks.

What would lead an actress to shrug off her moment of glory without thanking everyone they know? Sounds like the "Nurse Jackie" star had a good freakout. "It's hard to do those," she said backstage, according to Variety. "I don't know how to feel yet. ... I have therapy next week." ***Metro/Melinda Taub***

Talking point

Kunis and Kutcher's love goes way back

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher's former "That '70s Show" co-star Laura Prepon "wasn't surprised" when Kunis and Kutcher began dating last year, telling Us Weekly that it's "incredible" to see them together. In fact, she confirms that way back when they made their sitcom, Kutcher was actually Kunis' first kiss — on-screen or off.

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Emmys? What Emmys?

Catherine Zeta-Jones showed she didn't need to be Michael Douglas' arm candy for the Emmy Awards.

While Douglas collected a statuette for his work in "Behind the Candelabra," his estranged wife made her first public appearance since they announced their separation.

Zeta-Jones walked the red carpet in Qingdao, China, to celebrate the announcement of a new $5 billion film studio to be built there, according to TMZ.

Douglas was gracious enough to mention her in his acceptance speech, saying, "I want to thank my wife, Catherine, for her support" while still sporting his wedding ring.

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Emo. Saves the Day's Chris Conley isn't through being cool just yet.

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Emo isn't dead. At least not according to Saves the Day's Chris Conley, who's been in the business of making emotive, tug-on-your-exposed-heartstrings music for just about two decades.

In fact, if you ask Conley, it's making a resurgence.

"[There are] a lot of new bands coming along that have that same spirit, that authenticity, and honesty and good songwriting," he says. "You see a lot of bands coming up that have that sound, like they listen to music of the '90s now, so maybe it goes in waves. I think that honest music is making a comeback for sure."

As for any residual stigma associated with the most angsty genre around, he thinks that it's on the decline. "I think some of the negative connotations might be disappearing," he says. "I think that the phase of the haircuts is probably over, where the band's MySpace profile picture mattered more than their first demo."

If anyone would know, it would be Conley. The only remaining founding member of one of emo's definitive bands, he's stuck with it through eight studio albums and a revolving door of bandmates that number as many as 20. It's all been worth it though, he says, because there's nothing else he'd rather be doing.

And, despite a marked evolution from very dark, somewhat morbid songwriting in the early days to Saves the Day's just-dropped eponymous album, which can almost be described as upbeat, he's remained true to one constant — honesty in music.

Quoted

"I think that the phase of the haircuts is probably over, where the band's MySpace profile picture mattered more than their first demo."

Conley, on the state of the emo genre

"Its just a crazy experience to be alive, it's actually overwhelming," he says. "Our bodies are so fragile and our life is just poised on this vulnerable edge of impending doom. As a sensitive guy, I felt completely lost in the midst of this world."

"Oddly enough, it was through accepting ... the enormity of the turmoil that helped me find peace," he says. "It's almost counterintuitive, but it's like you get thrown in the water, and you think you have to flail around to stay afloat but it's the opposite. You let go and it is what it is — you are floating."

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Nickelodeon's 'golden age' remembered

Dialogue. Author Mathew Klickstein interviewed hundreds of Nick insiders for dirt on every kid's favorite network.

Heidi Lucas (Dina) and Michael Bower (Donkey Lips) pal around on the set of "Salute Your Shorts," a show that almost never was. / COURTESY HEIDI LUCAS

Most kids watch Nickelodeon for entertainment. But Mathew Klickstein wasn't most kids.

"I was just always very engaged in what was going on behind the scenes," says the author of the new "Slimed!: An Oral History of Nickelodeon's Golden Age." "I was almost custom-made to do this book."

His passion for what he calls the "golden age of Nickelodeon" — roughly 1983-1995 — inspired him to "jump through a lot of hoops" to score interviews with some of his favorite TV stars of yore.

Ironically, Klickstein doesn't watch any TV these days, as he thinks the quality has gone downhill since his favorite Nick shows were on.

But not all of his feelings about TV have changed.

"I've given up in trying to pretend: My favorite shows were '[The Adventures of] Pete & Pete' and '[The] Ren & Stimpy [Show]' then, and they're 'Pete & Pete' and 'Ren & Stimpy' now."

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Secrets

Things you didn't know about your fave Nick shows

Kenan and Kel no longer speak: "Kel was originally Kenan," Klickstein says, in the sense that Kel was originally the more successful of the duo. "Kel sort of shot forward and became a bit of a diva, and suddenly Kenan gets in with Bill Cosby and does 'Fat Albert,' now he's on 'SNL,' so he's the successful one. Kel's doing gospel Christian music now."

There almost wasn't a "Salute Your Shorts": The camp show was deemed "cookie-cutter" and "stereotypical" when the first pilot was written. "The original script was so bad that the VP of production, Geoffrey Darby, held it in front of the producer at the time and said, 'You know what I think about this?' And threw it in the trash. ... And basically they were like 'Please give us another shot.'"

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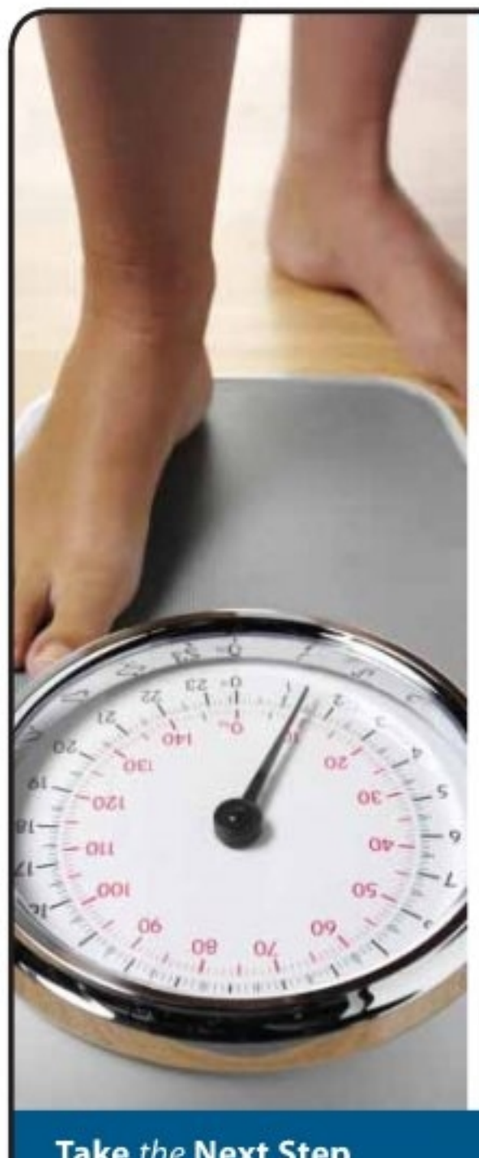

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Rambling Victorian homes and a vibrant downtown make Stillwater, along the St. Croix River, ultra charming. Restaurant and imbibing options include at least three wine bars, sushi at Shanghai Bistro and Caribbean barbecue at Smalley's Caribbean Barbeque & Pirate Bar. Around 100 indie-owned boutiques line the streets. Antiques lovers won't want to miss American Gothic Antiques, best known for its Civil War memorabilia. Fashion hounds adore Finney Fox for its retro vintage apparel.

2 Mineral Point, Wisc.

As a quintessential artsy town in Wisconsin's Driftless Area, Mineral Point's nine antique shops sell everything from antiquarian books (Foundry Books) to Native American textiles (Tunestam's Antiques). Handmade apparel is sold at Simply Scarfs and Artful Apparel. Knitters might enjoy dropping by Alpacas of Prairie Station or Red Horse Farm for fleece and yarn from local alpacas. A Wisconsin craft beer or wedge of artisanal cheese is available at several places, including Brewery Creek Brewpub.

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3 Traverse City, Mich.

Among several wine-tasting rooms here is one owned by Madonna's family, Ciccone Vineyard & Winery. Downtown features 12 or so art galleries plus cute shops like Two Bays, with cool souvenir T-shirts. Fine dining is a stone's throw away, and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is just 25 miles west.

4 Woodstock, Ill.

With a downtown artfully arranged around a historic town square, it's easy to find crepes of many kinds (La Petite Creperie), a good read (Read Between the Lynes, a bookstore) or refurbished antiques (Rare Rubbish). If you think you've seen Woodstock before, you probably have: in the film "Groundhog Day," when the town morphed into Punxsutawney, Pa., during filming.

Five trends from Milan Fashion Week

You can always rely on Milan for two things: exuding luxury and being fashion month's halfway mark. The latter means we can move from tentative to confident in our breakdown of the trends for Spring '14. Despite the different scenes across New York, London and Italy's capital, discernable similarities have already emerged— so take note. **KIT GILBERT**

1 Skin is in

If there's one thing Milan has over every other fashion capital, it's sex. This season there were super-sheer garments, peek-a-boo cutouts and belly-grazing necklines. Gucci kicked this off with its very first look, featuring not only a see-through shirt but also a sheer bra.

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2 White is trending

The summer shade has been everywhere, including Jil Sander, Versace and Alberta Ferretti, who played on its more innocent connotations. Meanwhile, Costume National showed a more sensual take on the trend.

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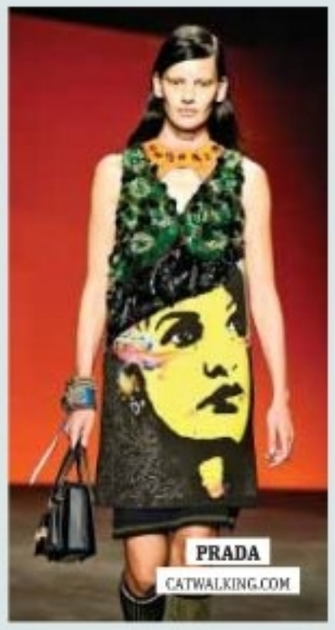
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3 The shirt dress is a thing

The look has popped up all over the fashion circuit, from Alexander Wang in NYC to Paul Smith in London. Now it's made its way to Milan via No. 21 and Tod's, where embellishments and eyelets send this idea into more wearable territory.

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4 The bra top is the new crop top

As if the crop top wasn't taking flesh-flashing far enough, now the bra top has stolen its crown. In Milan, shows such as Emilio Pucci, Moschino and Dsquared2 were littered with them, featuring both jazzed-up prints and neutral shades.

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5 The graphic print party continues

No one quite owns the idea of print-mixing like Prada and Marni, both of which showed stellar graphics that were as much about texture and color as they were about print.

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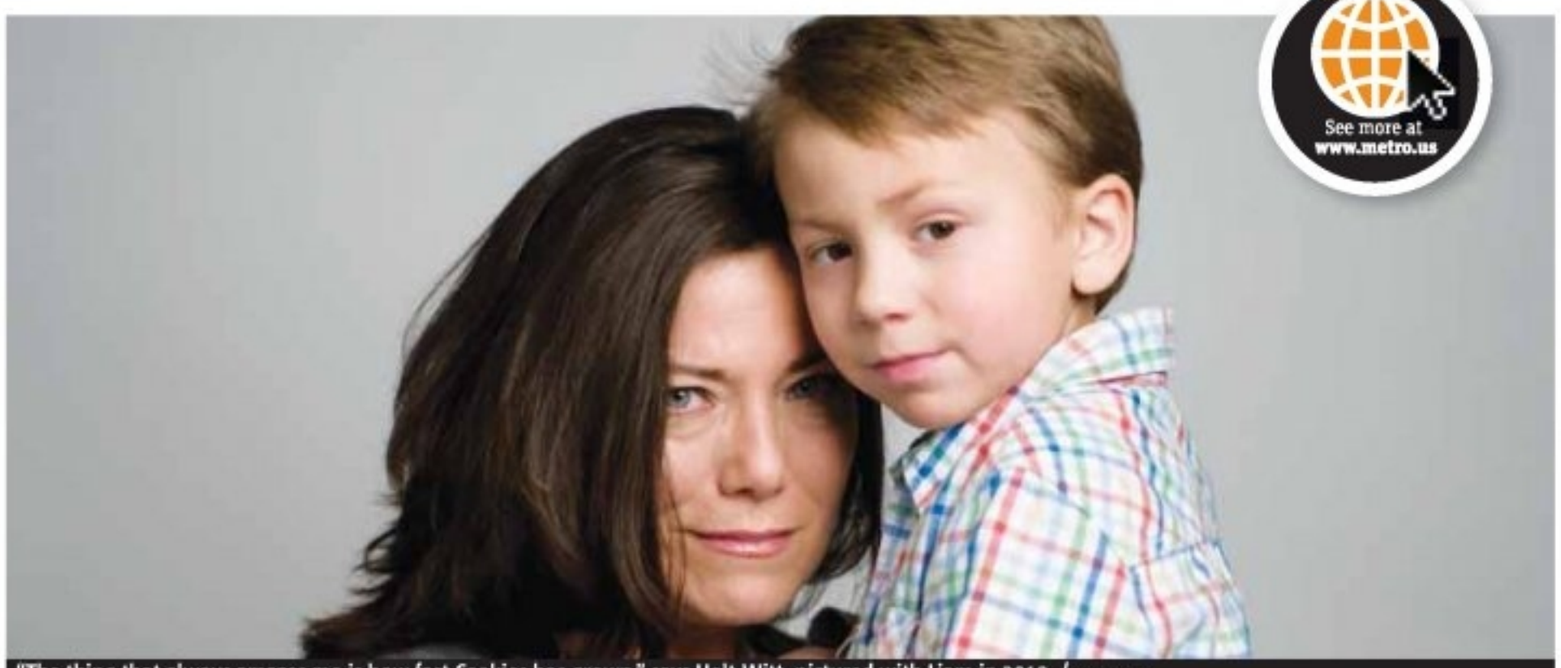

"The thing that always amazes me is how fast Cookies has grown," says Holt-Witt, pictured with Liam in 2010. / PROVIDED

Baking to save lives

Fight. Gretchen Holt-Witt is the force (and mom) behind Cookies for Kids' Cancer.

It's been six years since Gretchen Holt-Witt learned that her son Liam had pediatric cancer, five since she started her nonprofit against the disease — Cookies for Kids' Cancer — and two since we last spoke with her. A lot can happen in two years.

"It's a really good time to be talking because we are about to make a decision where our 2013 grants will go," says Holt-Witt, who by day is the public relations director of baking products company OXO.

She lost her son to the disease in July 2011, but she's still fighting: Her organization, which encourages people around the world to host bake sales and other events to raise funds for pediatric cancer, has raised more than $7 million for the disease and funded six new treatment options for children with cancer.

Though pediatric cancer is the No. 1 disease killer of children in the U.S., taking more children's lives than asthma, AIDS, muscular dystrophy and MS combined, Holt-Witt says she was stunned to hear her son's doctor's initial remarks to her.

"One of the first things that Liam's doctor said to me was that nobody cares about a kid who has cancer," she says.

But she realized something after that early conversation. "It's not that people don't care — it's that they don't know about the need. As long as you tell them what's needed and then give people something that they can do," she says, then people are eager to get involved.

And getting involved in the fight against cancer is as easy as pie — or cookies, for that matter. You can register your next bake sale, school dance, community race or other local event to benefit Cookies for Kids' Cancer at www.cookiesforkidscancer.org. Recipes to get you started in your baking can be found in Holt-Witt's two Cookies for Kids' Cancer cookbooks — from which 100 percent of proceeds support the cause.

"I want everybody to feel that they have a stake in the game, and that they have a way they can get involved," Holt-Witt says. "Every dollar counts and every dollar is precious."

Though Liam is no longer around, Holt-Witt has no plans of slowing down her work with the foundation.

"I know that I have to meet Liam again," she says, "and I know that the very first question he's gonna ask me is, 'Did you make it better for others?'"

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Easy way to help

Not a baker?

No problem. Cookies for Kids' Cancer sells a number of different flavor cookies — like peanut butter chocolate chip and white chocolate macadamia nut — on its website, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to pediatric cancer research. Consider your holiday gifting problems solved.

Tweet it

Join the fight

Join the American Association for Cancer Research, ABC News, medical experts and patients for a Twitter chat about pediatric cancer today from 1 to 2 p.m. Use the hashtag #abcDrBchat and follow the association @AACR.

Horoscope

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Communication will be your ticket to information that can help you advance. Do your research, and you will avoid making a mistake.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's a good day to get in touch with an old friend. The memories you share will remind you of something that will help prevent you from making a financial mistake.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Express your thoughts and follow through with your plans. An emotional situation may deter you. Assess the situation, make adjustments and disregard opposition.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Protect your name and position. Listen to what others say, but don't make alterations to your plan based on hearsay. Make your decisions based on facts as well as your gut feelings.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Stick close to home and look over your property. Fixing up your place will make you feel good and give you a reason to entertain someone special.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Look over contracts, settlements or any personal information that can help you expand an interest or project. Leave time for romance.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Use your intelligence in the workplace today. Employing your skills diversely will create a stir. The interest you receive from someone will pay off.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Learn all you can. The more information you have, the easier it will be to impress your peers. A calculated, rather than unpredictable, approach will give you a competitive edge.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Emotions will escalate causing uncertainty. Don't believe everything you hear. Go directly to the source. An unexpected turn of events will be beneficial.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Live a little. Get out and enjoy new interests or try developing a skill or talent that you find engaging. Romance will develop if you make plans with someone special.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your ability to adapt will be crucial when dealing with an ongoing domestic situation. Someone you least expect will come to the rescue. Don't be too proud to ask for help.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Mixed emotions are likely to confuse you. Rely on past experience and old friends to help you make wise choices. An unusual route will offer the best destination. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

Sinecure you can believe in

Under President Obama, it is "do as I say not as I do." He has awarded more career politicians and campaign contributors ambassadorships than any past President. His promise of "Change you can believe in" is true. The 99 percent continue to get whatever crumbs fall off the White House table while the 1 percent benefit from special favors. These Obama treats include regulatory relief, tax code deductions, exemptions from Obamacare, contracts and political patronage jobs including plum assignments as ambassadors. The appointment of Carolyn Kennedy as ambassador to Japan is a quid pro quo for political support of the Kennedy family. During the 2008 Democratic Party Presidential Primary at a critical moment, the late Sen. Ted Kennedy and other family members endorsement moved momentum away from former Senator Hillary Clinton to Obama. President Obama's nose is longer than Pinocchio's!

LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

Boehner doesn't know what he's talking about

John Boehner saying that he doesn't want a government shutdown is about the same as a bank robber saying he doesn't want to rob banks. The Affordable Care Act is law. Congressional Republicans created "Obamacare" with Democrats, its individual mandate is Republican, yet Republicans voted against their own bi-partisan bill. There's a lesson here: Republicans reject working together, not Dems. Like whining babies, Republicans hold the U.S. budget hostage; I don't see Obama complaining about obeying the law. The non-partisan C.B.O. says the A.C.A. will reduce U.S. debt and most Americans' health costs.

ARTHUR BLENHEIM, VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Crossword

Across

1 Liniment
5 Slumber-party attire
8 "What's the big —?"
12 Distant
14 Bark, sometimes
15 Press
16 Concrete reinforcer
17 LP player (hyph.)
18 Daybreak, in verse
19 Gift
21 Kidded around with
23 Zig's counterpart
24 NYC opera house
25 Lamprey
26 Frolicked
30 Civilian dress
32 Goya's home
33 Use the mind's eye
37 Glen or dale
38 Bedouin's mount
39 No future — —
40 Leveled out
42 Craft knife (hyph.)
43 Adventure tales
44 Decree
45 Brewer's plant
48 Spoil
49 Md. neighbor
50 Like some battles
52 Roofed with straw
57 Wire thicknesses
58 About (2 wds.)
60 Bring cheer
61 Erelong
62 Not cluttered
63 Sofa
64 The boy— door
65 Garnet or ruby
66 Dennis, to Mr. Wilson

Down

1 Zinger
2 Helm position
3 Slow pitches
4 Castle defense
5 Noted groundhog
6 Skippy rival
7 Vindictive
8 Czar's parliament
9 Notched, as a leaf
10 Be in accord
11 Tennis standout Ivan —
13 Like popsicles
14 Thick carpet
20 Gob of bubblegum
22 Wonder Woman's friend
24 Thought on
26 Invitation letters
27 Fall birthstone
28 Actress — Powers
29 Devoutness
30 Plays charades
31 Trojan War story
33 Boast about
34 Andes empire
35 Rigatoni kin
36 School founded in 1440
38 Christmas fun
41 Tarzan's title
42 Like some films (hyph.)
44 Biologist's eggs
45 Half of Mr. Spock
46 Conjecture
47 Garden flower
49 Sharpen
51 Doesn't exist
52 Ore hauler
53 Trim back
54 Come down with
55 LAX guesses
56 Soup-can flaw
59 Society column word

Yesterday's answer

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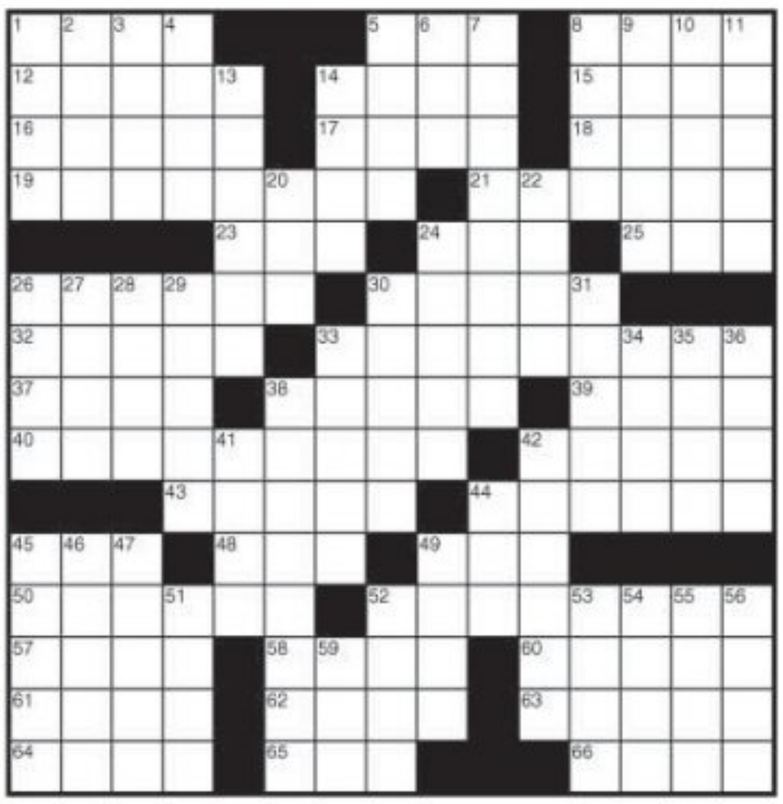

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3 SPORTS

Bruins open season dreaming about Cup

Season preview. Six hotly contested Stanley Cup Final games resulted in a second-place finish last season.

The Bruins locked up their new franchise goalie, Tuukka Rask, this offseason. / GETTY IMAGES

The Bruins enter the 2013-14 season with the expectation they can win the two games they couldn't in last June's Stanley Cup Final.

Luckily, Boston returns most of the same roster, along with some key upgrades.

Nathan Horton, Tyler Seguin, Rich Peverley, Jaromir Jagr, Andrew Ference and Anton Khudobin are gone, but in their place the B's have Jarome Iginla and Loui Eriksson. It should make for a seamless transition for the Black and Gold.

The Bruins are the team to beat in the Eastern Conference for the next few years, and they locked up franchise goaltender Tuukka Rask and center Patrice Bergeron to long-term extensions over the summer.

But the conference they are favored to win will look different. The NHL underwent a major overhaul in the offseason, shifting to four divisions: Atlantic, Metropolitan, Central and Pacific.

At least going into this season, the Bruins appear to be in the toughest one (Atlantic). Including Boston, five of the eight teams made the playoffs last season. Detroit is the NHL's most consistent franchise of the last few decades, and now they are in the same division as the B's. Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto were all in the defunct Northeast Division with Boston, so the Bruins are very familiar with three clubs that are each getting better in their own respect.

Dougie Hamilton, Torey Krug and Matt Bartkowski — Boston's three talented young defensemen who shined in last season's playoffs — will probably all make the team, but odds are one of them is a healthy scratch to start the regular season.

It has been a short offseason, but the Bruins should be extra focused given how close they were to knocking off the Blackhawks.

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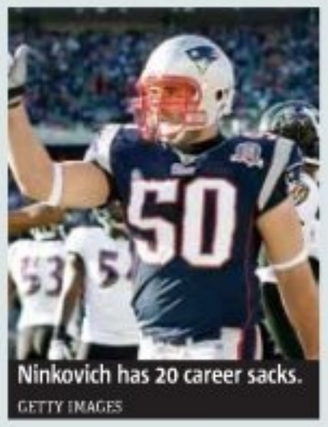
Top 3 early season games

1 **Boston vs. Tampa Bay** (Oct. 3) — The season opener is exciting for reasons that don't need to be explained. But you'll also get to see all the pomp and circumstance of a new season.

2 **Boston vs. Pittsburgh** (Nov. 25) — Last year's No. 1 seed in the East, along with villain/superstar Sidney Crosby, visit the Garden for the first time.

3 **Boston vs. New York Rangers** (Nov. 29) — A Cup rematch with Chicago won't come until after New Year's, so this NBC rivalry will have to suffice until then.

Locked up


Ninkovich has 20 career sacks. GETTY IMAGES

Belichick praises Ninkovich after long-term deal

Rob Ninkovich finished with five total tackles, including half a sack, during the Patriots' 23-3 win on Sunday. But the real news surrounding the Pats' defensive end broke before the game. The team had locked him up through the 2016 season.

The deal reportedly includes $8.5 million in guaranteed money and bonuses, and if you're considering Ninkovich's play since the Pats signed him as a free agent in 2009, it's a bargain for New England.

"I'm glad it worked out," head coach Bill Belichick said yesterday. "Rob's done a great job for us. He's come in here and gotten better each year. He's gotten kind of a bigger role for us each year. He's played linebacker, defensive end, all special teams. So he's a versatile player [who has] given us a lot of production. [He's a] hard-working guy [who is] a well-respected player on the team. So I'm happy we got it done."

Ninkovich has missed just one regular season game since 2009. As the team's defense has evolved from a 3-4 to a 4-3, he has moved from linebacker to defensive end seamlessly. Ninkovich had a career-high eight sacks last year to go with a career-high five forced fumbled and four fumble recoveries. Not bad for a guy the Patriots took a flyer on years back for next to nothing.

"Everything he's gotten, he's earned," Belichick said. "He had no right or entitlement to anything. He just came in here and earned it. And he's been doing it for several years now."

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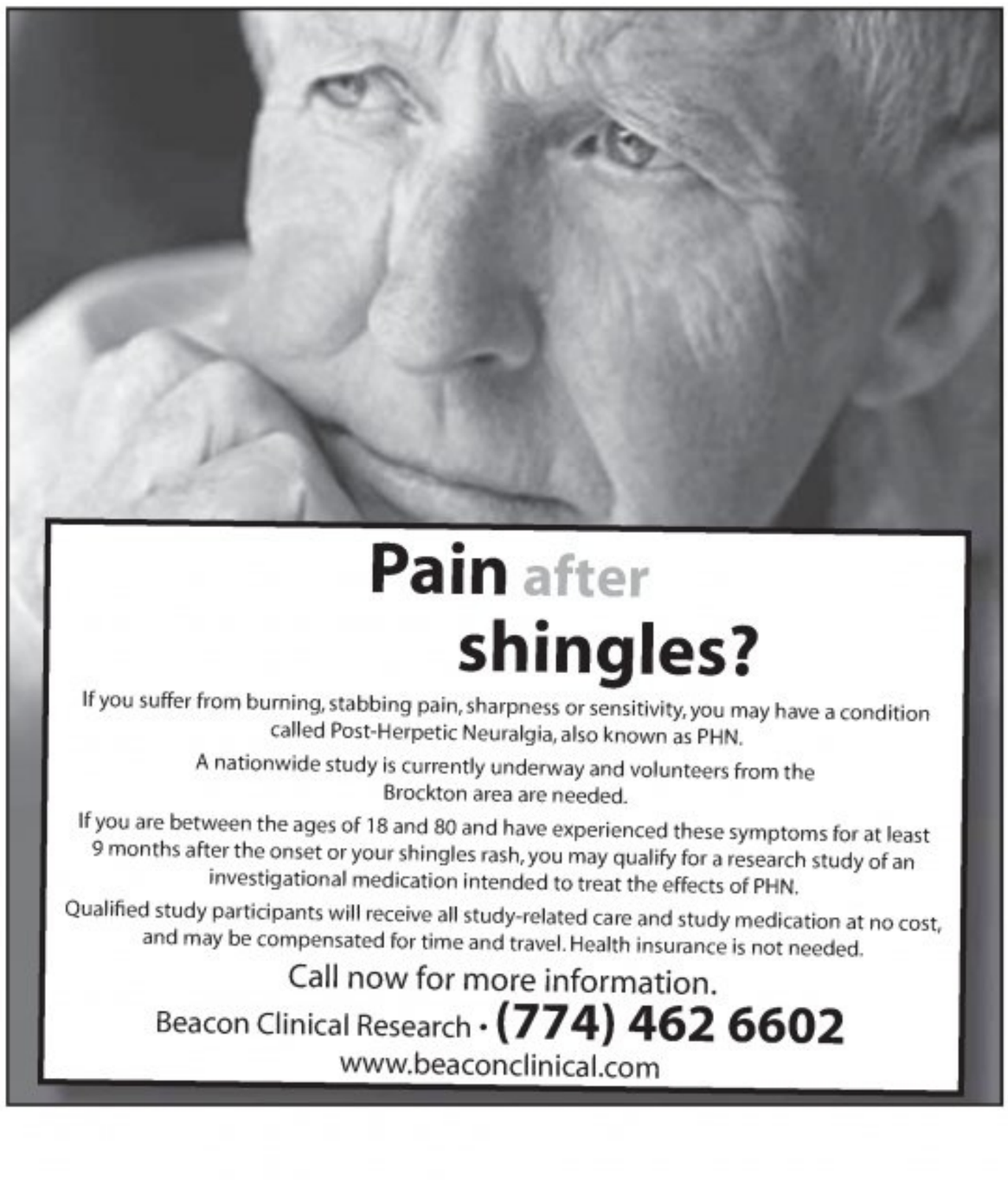

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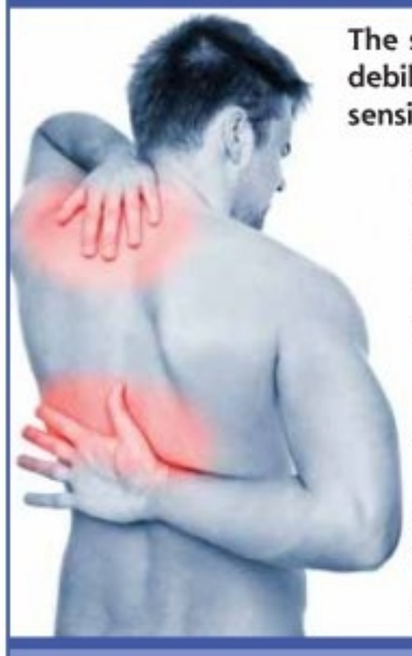

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Djalal Khoulani, Plaintiff v. Nesrine Hadjiat, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this County by the Plaintiff Djalal Khoulani, seeking a complaint for Modification

You are required to serve upon Nesrine Hadjiat – plaintiff– whose address is UNKNOWN your answer on or before November 21st, 2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of you answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, Joan P. Armstrong, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 4th day of September , 2013

Register of Probate

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU12C0438CA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trail Court Probate and Family Court
In the matter of: Deborah Joanne Blackwell **Of:** Roxbury, MA
To the persons interested in petition described:
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